

# House File 239 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special disabled veteran  
2 vehicle registration plates to certain disabled veterans who  
3 qualify for a persons with disabilities parking permit.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2015, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14A. *Disabled veteran plates.* An owner  
4 referred to in subsection 12, or an owner of a trailer used  
5 to transport a wheelchair, who is a veteran of the armed  
6 forces of the United States and, due to a service-connected  
7 disability, is a person with a disability as defined in  
8 section 321L.1 may, upon written application to the department,  
9 order special registration plates with a disabled veteran  
10 processed emblem. The processed emblem shall be designed  
11 by the department in consultation with the adjutant general  
12 and shall bear the international symbol of accessibility.  
13 The special registration plates with a disabled veteran  
14 processed emblem shall only be issued if the application is  
15 accompanied by documentation identifying the person as a  
16 disabled veteran with a service-connected disability along  
17 with a statement from a physician licensed under chapter 148  
18 or 149, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 148C,  
19 an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under  
20 chapter 152, or a chiropractor licensed under chapter 151,  
21 written on the physician's, physician assistant's, nurse  
22 practitioner's, or chiropractor's stationery, stating the  
23 nature of the applicant's service-connected disability and  
24 such additional information as required by the department by  
25 rule. The application shall be approved by the department, and  
26 the disabled veteran plates shall be issued to the applicant  
27 in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to  
28 the person. There shall be no fee in addition to the regular  
29 annual registration fee for the disabled veteran plates issued  
30 under this subsection. The registration plates with a disabled  
31 veteran processed emblem shall be surrendered in exchange for  
32 regular registration plates as provided in subsection 12 when  
33 the owner of the vehicle no longer qualifies as a person with a  
34 disability as defined in section 321L.1.

35 Sec. 2. Section 321L.1, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code

1 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2     a. A persons with disabilities registration plate issued  
3 to or for a person with a disability under section 321.34,  
4 subsection 14, or a disabled veteran plate issued to or for a  
5 veteran with a disability under section 321.34, subsection 14A.

6     Sec. 3. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
7 subparagraph (1), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

8       (1) Persons with disabilities or disabled veteran  
9 registration plates. An applicant may order persons  
10 with disabilities registration plates or disabled veteran  
11 registration plates pursuant to section 321.34. An applicant  
12 may order a persons with disabilities registration plate or  
13 a disabled veteran registration plate for a trailer used to  
14 transport a wheelchair pursuant to section 321.34 in addition  
15 to persons with disabilities registration plates or disabled  
16 veteran registration plates ordered by the applicant for a  
17 motor vehicle used to tow such a trailer pursuant to section  
18 321.34.

19	EXPLANATION
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20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill provides for the issuance of special vehicle  
23 registration plates with a disabled veteran processed emblem,  
24 which will be designed by the department of transportation  
25 in consultation with the adjutant general and which will  
26 include the international symbol of accessibility. The special  
27 disabled veteran plates are available to the owner of a motor  
28 truck, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer,  
29 or travel trailer who is a veteran of the armed forces of the  
30 United States and, due to a service-connected disability, meets  
31 the definition of a person with a disability eligible to use  
32 persons with disabilities parking spaces. Application for  
33 the disabled veteran registration plates must be accompanied  
34 by documentation identifying the person as a disabled veteran  
35 with a service-connected disability along with a statement

1 from a physician, physician assistant, advanced registered  
2 nurse practitioner, or chiropractor stating the nature of the  
3 applicant's service-connected disability and any additional  
4 information required by rules adopted by the department. Upon  
5 approval of the application by the department, the disabled  
6 veteran registration plates shall be issued without any  
7 additional fee, other than the regular registration fee for  
8 the vehicle. The disabled veteran registration plates shall  
9 serve as a persons with a disability parking permit for the  
10 disabled veteran. As with regular persons with disabilities  
11 special plates, the disabled veteran plates are required to be  
12 surrendered in exchange for regular registration plates when  
13 the owner of the vehicle no longer qualifies as a person with a  
14 disability for purposes of special parking privileges.